



Statement from the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in

Response to Father Jack B. Herron

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On July 28, 2017, the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee received a letter of suitability from the Vicar General, Reverend Monsignor Joseph Goering, at the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota, regarding Father Jack B. Herron. The letter stated that Father Herron was a person of good moral character and reputation and included three main points:

- No known factors would in any way limit or disqualify Father Herron from priestly ministry.
- The Diocese of Fargo was unaware of any past issues that would render Father Herron unsuitable to work with minor children.
- Father Herron satisfied the Diocese of Fargo's safe-environment training and associated background investigation.

The suitability letter informed the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee that Father Herron was living in Pensacola and that he was there with the knowledge and permission of Bishop John T. Folda.

On March 27, 2018, the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee received a phone call from Monsignor Goering, notifying the diocese of an investigation regarding an accusation against Father Herron. Immediately that day, Father Herron was removed from priestly ministry. He was not permitted to function as a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

Father Herron served as priest/chaplain at Haven of Our Lady of Peace and Holy Spirit Parish in Pensacola, Florida.